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SUBJECT **Production in "Braunesumpf" and
Bueckenberg**

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1. There are 850 employees in the production departments of Braunswald¹ and Am Buechenberg¹. As of May 1955, 1,200 tons of ore a day with a refined iron content of 27% are mined. Customers are the iron works combines, the VEB's Eisenhuettenkombinate West, Ost, Calbe, which pay 16 DME per ton.
2. A third shaft is to be sunk at Am Buechenberg, which already has two. In the direction of Blankenburg-Westend, the Werner Hartmann tunnel is being expanded to a level of 160 m. In addition, an air shaft from the surface to a level of 160 m. and a blind shaft (Blindschacht) to a level of 240 m. are being constructed.
3. There is a shortage of rails, drilling leads (Bohrleitungen), and spare parts for hammer drills.

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1. Comment: The full names of these iron ore mines are:
Eisenerzgrube "Am Buechenberg" (formerly known as Mannesmannroehrenwerke KG,
Bergverwaltung Giessen), located in Sachsen-Anhalt, Elbingerode/Harz;
Eisenerzgrube "Braunesumpf" (formerly known as Erzgrube Braunesumpf
Krupp-Hoesch-Konzern), located in Sachsen-Anhalt, Huettenrode/Harz, Kreis
Blankenburg.

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